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(57) Abstract			
<p>Nucleic acids for detecting <i>Aspergillus</i> species and other filamentous fungi are provided. Unique internal transcribed spacer 2 coding regions permit the development of nucleic acid probes specific for five different species of <i>Aspergillus</i>, three species of <i>Fusarium</i>, four species of <i>Mucor</i>, two species of <i>Penecillium</i>, five species of <i>Rhizopus</i>, one species of <i>Rhizonucor</i>, as well as probes for <i>Absidia corymbifera</i>, <i>Cunninghamella elagans</i>, <i>Pseudallescheria boydii</i>, and <i>Sporothrix schenckii</i>. The invention thereby provides methods for the species-specific detection and diagnosis of infection by <i>Aspergillus</i>, <i>Fusarium</i>, <i>Mucor</i>, <i>Penecillium</i>, <i>Rhizopus</i>, <i>Rhizomucor</i>, <i>Absidia</i>, <i>Cunninghamella</i>, <i>Pseudallescheria</i> or <i>Sporothrix</i> in a subject. Furthermore, genus-specific probes are also provided for <i>Aspergillus</i>, <i>Fusarium</i> and <i>Mucor</i>, in addition to an all-fungus nucleic acid probe.</p>			